

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1115

By Smith

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Joe B. Maddox on his thirty-two years of service to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe B. Maddox is one such stalwart servant of the Lord, who ably serves as the pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Knoxville. He and the members of this dynamic community of faith are celebrating his thirty-second pastoral anniversary; and

WHEREAS, born in Hamilton, Georgia, on January 19, 1947, Dr. Maddox received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior at the age of seven; and

WHEREAS, a 1965 graduate of Carver High School in Hamilton, Dr. Joe Maddox received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1969 from Fort Valley State University in Fort Valley, Georgia, and his Master of Science degree in 1971 from Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the recipient of an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree, Dr. Maddox received his Doctor of Ministry degree from the North American School of Theology in Winter Haven, Florida, in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joe Maddox acknowledged his call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ while he was employed with the U.S. Department of the Interior in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, upon his return to Knoxville as an ordained minister, Dr. Maddox was called to pastor New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in February 1986, and he retired from the federal government in 1994 in order to dedicate himself to ministry; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maddox and the congregation of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church are active in missions locally as well as in the Virgin Islands, Kenya, and Uganda; and

WHEREAS, the former president of S.A.F.E. Ministries, Inc., Dr. Joe Maddox is the president and director of the Knoxville Interdenominational Bible Institute, Inc., and the president of the Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maddox is most grateful for the love and support he shares with his wife and high school sweetheart, Vivian Goodwin Maddox, his daughter, Treasure Maddox Bell, and his four grandchildren; he and his family cherish the memory of his beloved daughter Tonya Maddox Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maddox's commitment to God, his spiritual leadership, and his love for people, as demonstrated throughout his numerous years of service, are worthy of respect and admiration; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Dr. Joe B. Maddox for his thirty-two years of service to New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Knoxville and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.